

# Troopers Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash



## **\*\*Update\*\***

**Bear, DE-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of a 54 year old man that occurred last night in Bear.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred on Friday, July 1, 2016 at approximately 8:14 p.m., as Elena J. Kirk, 58, of Bear, was operating a 2004 Toyota Camry and was stopped on Woods Road with the intention of making a left hand turn onto westbound Porter Road. As Kirk entered onto Porter Road, she pulled directly into the path of a 2014 BMW S10 motorcycle, which was being operated by Philip R. Hastings, 54, of Bear, and which was traveling in an eastbound direction on Porter Road. The front of the motorcycle then struck the left rear side of the Toyota. After the impact, Hastings was ejected from the motorcycle and traveled in an eastbound direction coming to rest on the south edge of Porter Road. The Toyota spun in a clockwise direction and came to a stop in the roadway.

Philip Hastings, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the

crash, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead.

Elena Kirk was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash and suffered minor injuries. She refused medical treatment at the scene.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. It is unknown if speed, alcohol, or drugs on the part of Philip Hastings was a factor in this crash at this time. Alcohol was not a factor on the part of Elena Kirk.

Porter Road was closed in both directions for approximately 3 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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**Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale**

**\*\*Traffic Advisory\*\***

***Bear, DE-*** Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred this evening in Bear.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 8:14 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 1, 2016 on Porter Road at Woods Drive, Bear, and involves a motorcycle and a passenger car. As a result of the crash, the male operator of the motorcycle was removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced dead.

Porter Road in the area of Woods Drive has been closed to

traffic and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The crash, which is in its early stages, remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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